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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USG REPRESENTATION AT THE FALL 1974 CANTON FAIR

REF: STATE 225704

1. USLO REGRETS THAT THE CHINESE HAVE AGAIN ADOPTED AN UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ATTENDANCE AT CANTON FAIRS BY CONGEN PERSONNEL. WE ARE OF COURSE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT A VISA WILL BE ISSUED TO CHAMPEAU, BUT WE CONSIDER THIS MATTER ENTIRELY SEPRATE FROM THE QUESTION OF CANTON FAIR VISAS AND DO NOT FEEL THAT THE CHINESE DECISION IN THE MATTER SHOWS THAT WHEN US REQUESTS ARE "REASONABLE" (AS TSIEN PUT IT) THE PRC WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

2. AT THE 1974 SPRING CANTON FAIR, USLO OFFICERS PAID TWO FORMAL CALLS ON FAIR DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL WANG YUNG-CHIEN (WHO IS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE). WHILE WE DID NOT DWELL UPON THE MATTER, WE MADE NO SECRET THEN OF OUR CONSIDERABLE REGRET THAT CONGEN OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FAIR. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE PLAN TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE AT THE COMING FAIR, NOTING THAT CONGEN OFFICERS PLAY THE SAME ROLE WE DO IN PROMOTING SINO-US TRADE, THAT WE ARE AWARE OF HOW MANY OTHER HONG KONG-BASED DIPLOMATIC

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PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FAIRS, AND THAT BY

DENYING THE CONGEN VISA REQUESTS THE CHINESE ARE MAKING
IT HARDER FOR US TO CARRY FORWARD OUR WORK TO EXPAND
TRADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.
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